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1. In 1946 the spinning factory in Serdobak (52°28'N; 44°20'E) was employing 800 workers, of whom the majority were women. The daily rate of production was fifteen to twenty bales of parachute silk of 200 kilograms each. The factory was completely destroyed by fire in January 1947.
2. The tank and armored vehicle factory at Kirsanov (52°40'N; 42°40'E) employs approximately 900 workers, who are engaged in the assembly of light tanks, armored cars, and command vehicles. Components of these vehicles are brought to the factory by rail. Only the armament is not assembled at Kirsanov; this is done at Tambov. The daily production rate is seven to eight armored vehicles(sic).
3. There is a large synthetic rubber plant at Medvezhinsk, on the upper reaches of the Yegorlik, near Vorochilovsk (Stavropol; 45°51'N; 42°E). The factory, engaged in the production of various items from natural rubber until the supplies were exhausted, began production from synthetic (Buna) rubber in December 1945. The main products of the factory are vehicle and aircraft tires, return roller wheels for armored vehicles, hoses, rubber covered cables, and raincoats. Five hundred tires and 6,000 return rollers are produced daily. Three thousand Russians and 800 PWs are employed at the factory.
4. The paper factory at Sovetsk, near Tilsit, employs 20,000 workers on a daily three-shift basis.
5. The firm of EFM (Entwicklung und Fabrikation Elektrischer Messinstrumente) of Berlin-Schönevide, which produces radar equipment, has a branch at Krasnodar (45°31'N; 39°E), USSR.

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